This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Original) Article comprising at least fibres and/or fibrids, characterized in that the fibres and fibrids are formed from a polymer blend comprising at least:
 - a thermally stable polymer; and
 - a thermoplastic polymer chosen from the group of polysulphides and polysulphones.
- 2. (Original) Article according to Claim 1, characterized in that the thermally stable polymer is chosen from aromatic polyamides, aromatic polyamide-imides, or polyimides.
- 3. (Currently Amended) Article according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the thermoplastic polymer is chosen from polyether sulphone or polyphenylene sulphone.
- 4. (Currently Amended) Article according to <u>claim 1</u> one of the <u>preceding claims</u>, characterized in that the thermoplastic polymer and the thermally stable polymer are soluble in the same solvent.
- 5. (Currently Amended) Article according to <u>claim 1</u> one of the <u>preceding claims</u>, characterized in that the polymer blend comprises at least 10% by weight of thermoplastic polymer.
- 6. (Currently Amended) Article according to <u>claim 1</u> one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the fibres are obtained by blending the thermally stable polymer with the thermoplastic polymer, and then spinning

the blend.

- 7. (Original) Article according to Claim 6, characterized in that the blend is produced by dissolving the polymers in a solvent.
- 8. (Original) Article according to Claim 7, characterized in that the solvent is an aprotic polar solvent.
- 9. (Original) Article according to Claim 8, characterized in that the solvent is chosen from DMEU, DMAC, NMP and DMF.
- (Currently Amended) Article according to <u>claim 6</u> one of <u>Claims 6 to 8</u>,
 characterized in that the spinning is wet spinning.
- (Currently Amended) Article according to <u>claim 6</u> one of <u>Claims 6 to 8</u>,
 characterized in that the spinning is dry spinning.
- 12. (Currently Amended) Article according to <u>claim 1</u> one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the fibrids are obtained by blending the thermally stable polymer with the thermoplastic polymer, and then precipitating the blend under a shear stress.
- (Currently Amended) Article according to <u>claim 1</u> one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it is a non-woven article.
- 14. (Currently Amended) Article according to <u>claim 1</u> one of the preceding elaims, characterized in that it is obtained by "web-forming" at least the fibres and/or fibrids by a "drylaid" process and "consolidation" of the structure obtained.
- 15. Article according to <u>claim 1</u> one of <u>Claims 1 to 13</u>, characterized in that it is obtained by "webforming" at least the fibres and/or fibrids by a "wetlaid" process and "consolidation" of the structure obtained.

- 16. (Currently Amended) Article according to <u>claim 1</u> one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the "consolidation" is carried out by thermal pressing at a temperature greater than the glass transition temperature of the thermoplastic polymer of the fibres and/or fibrids of the invention contained in the article.
- 17. (Original) Fibre, characterized in that it is formed from a polymer blend comprising at least:
 - a thermally stable polymer; and
 - a thermoplastic polymer chosen from the group of polysulphides and polysulphones;

and in that it has a linear density of less than or equal to 13.2 dtex.

- 18. (Original) Fibrid, characterized in that it is formed from a polymer blend comprising at least:
 - a thermally stable polymer; and
 - a thermoplastic polymer chosen from the group of polysulphides and polysulphones.
- 19. (Currently Amended) Use of the article according to <u>claim 1</u> one of <u>Claims</u>
 1 to 16 in the electrical insulation field.